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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10 and 12, drawn to Frame Synchronization with a First Frame Synchronization Unit for Attempting to Detect a First Synchronization Data within a Received Data in a Frame Hunting State in which Frame Synchronization is not Established, and Entering a Synchronous State in which Frame Synchronization is Established, classified in class 714, subclass 775.
- II. Claims 4, 9, 11 and 13, drawn to Frame Synchronization with a First Frame Synchronization Unit for Attempting to Detect a First Synchronization Data at a Prescribed Position in a Received Frame in a Synchronous State in which Frame Synchronization is Established, and Entering an Asynchronous State in which Frame Synchronization is not Established, classified in class 714, subclass 775.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions Group I, Frame Synchronization with a First Frame Synchronization Unit for Attempting to Detect a First Synchronization Data within a Received Data in a Frame Hunting State in which Frame Synchronization is not Established, and Entering a Synchronous State in which Frame Synchronization is Established, and Group II, Frame Synchronization with a First Frame Synchronization Unit for Attempting to Detect a First

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Synchronization Data at a Prescribed Position in a Received Frame in a Synchronous State in which Frame Synchronization is Established, and Entering an Asynchronous State in which Frame Synchronization is not Established, are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention Group I, Frame Synchronization with a First Frame Synchronization Unit for Attempting to Detect a First Synchronization Data within a Received Data in a Frame Hunting State in which Frame Synchronization is not Established, and Entering a Synchronous State in which Frame Synchronization is Established, has separate utility such as for attempting to detect a first synchronization data within a received data in a frame hunting state in which frame synchronization is not established, and entering a synchronous state in which frame synchronization is established. In the instant case, invention Group II, Frame Synchronization with a First Frame Synchronization Unit for Attempting to Detect a First Synchronization Data at a Prescribed Position in a Received Frame in a Synchronous State in which Frame Synchronization is Established, and Entering an Asynchronous State in which Frame Synchronization is not Established, has separate utility such as for attempting to detect a first synchronization data at a prescribed position in a received frame in a synchronous state in which frame synchronization is established, and entering an asynchronous state in which frame synchronization is not established. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group II is not required for Group I, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

A telephone call was made to Harris Wolin on 06 April 2004 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

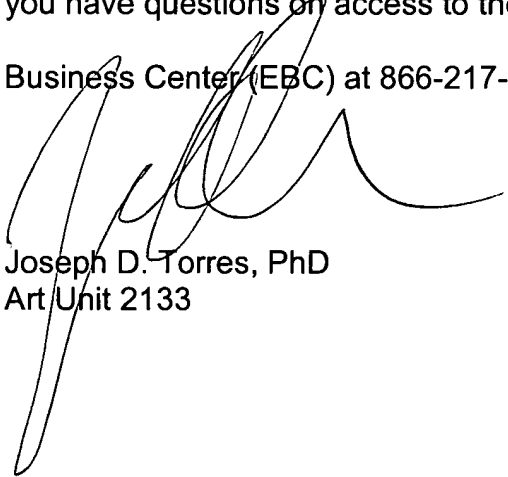
Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph D. Torres whose telephone number is (703) 308-7066. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Decady can be reached on (703) 305-9595. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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